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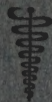


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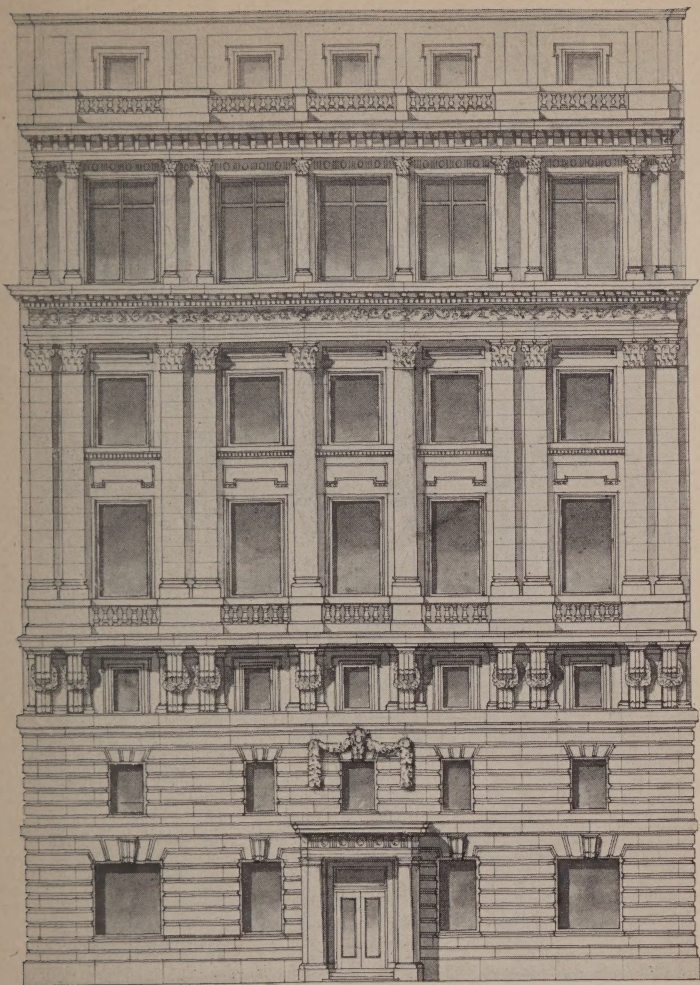
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**BOSTON
CLUB**

1903



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PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION FOR THE BOSTON CLUB HOUSE

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*“ He who enters here finds
perpetual youth.”*



Boston Club

Organized 1854

Brief History, Officers and
Members for 1903

and

Prospectus and Plans for
the New Club House



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Oct. 14 1914

OFFICERS FOR 1903

PRESIDENT

HON. EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

CAPT. J. STEARNS CUSHING

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

HON. JOHN C. BURKE

SECRETARY

JOHN W. CROOKS

TREASURER

CHARLES E. RUSS

EXECUTIVE and MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

FRED E. ATTEAUX

CHARLES R. GODDARD

EDWIN WILCOCK

AUDITORS

GEN. A. O. DAVIDSON

HORACE B. FISHER

FORMER PRESIDENTS

HON. FRANK W. BIRD, 1854 to 1863
HON. GEO. W. WARREN, 1863 to 1868
GEN. N. P. BANKS, 1868 to 1871
HON. E. L. NORTON, 1871 to 1875
GEN. S. C. LAWRENCE, 1875 to 1879
COL. CHARLES W. WILDER, 1879 to 1883.
COL. J. L. STEVENSON, 1883 to 1885
HON. SAMUEL D. CRANE, 1885 to 1890
HON. C. V. WHITTEN, 1890 to 1894
DR. THOMAS L. JENKS, 1894 to 1898
COM. J. STEARNS CUSHING, 1898 to 1900
COL. HORACE T. ROCKWELL, 1900 to 1901

FORMER SECRETARIES

HON. HENRY L. PIERCE, 1854 to 1861
MR. MORRIS C. FITCH, 1861 to 1873
COL. HORACE T. ROCKWELL, 1873 to 1875
MR. F. M. JOSSELYN, 1875 to 1885
MR. HORACE B. FISHER, 1885 to 1900

HISTORY OF THE BOSTON CLUB

It was about 1850 that some of the most prominent men of Boston began to gather in a little room over Nash's grocery store, at the corner of School and Province streets, to eat, drink, and be merry, but more especially to discuss the topics of the day which were agitating the public mind.

The catering was done by Harvey D. Parker, and he proved to be such an adept in his line, and so pleased the palates of his guests, that shortly afterward the members of the Club subscribed for the erection of a handsome hotel, which was finally built and named in honor of Mr. Parker, the first landlord.

The Hon. Frank W. Bird was one of the prime factors of the gatherings sometimes held weekly and more often semi-weekly—and in 1854 these old boon companions formed what was known for many years after as the Bird Club.

Mr. Bird was a prominent leader of the Free Soil party, and at the meetings the father of the Free Soil party gave free expression to his views, and he at once found ready listeners, although not all of the members agreed with all of his views.

When the Parker House was formally opened, October 8, 1855, the proprietor, in recognition of the services of the members of the Club, gave to them for a permanent club-room the best room in the house—that on the second floor, directly over the main entrance.

Week after week this Club met in the same room for more than 45 years, until last fall, when, on account of the changes at the Parker House, the room was used for other purposes, and the Club had to change its place of meeting to Young's Hotel.

The Boston Club has the distinction of having founded the Republican party, for it started the Free Soil party, and the Republican party was the rapid development of the Free Soilers. In 1857, when there was a four-cornered contest for Governor in this State, the Bird Club supported General Banks, and shortly after that the name of the organization was changed to the Banks Club. Thus this designation remained until General Banks returned from the Civil War, when he asked that it be changed to the Boston Club, and the organization has thus been known ever since. General Banks did not believe in naming clubs or buildings after living people.

It was never intended that the Club should become a political organization, although at times it has proven a strong factor in political fights that have since been made memorable. But it was the purpose of the organization to have the Club made up of men of varied opinions, and in this way provide for thorough discussions of the questions of the day. This policy has been maintained, and to-day there are both Democrats and Republicans prominent in the discussions at the meetings.

Besides Mr. Bird, the original members were the Hon. William Lloyd Garrison, Secretary of the original Free Soil party; the Hon. Wendell Phillips, also a Free Soiler; the Hon. John A. Andrew, the War Governor of Massachusetts; the Hon. John I. Baker, State Senator and member of the Harbor and Land Commission; the Hon. Henry Wilson, United States Senator and Vice-President of the United States; the Hon. Charles Sumner who made his last speech in this Club; the Hon. Moses Kimball, of the Boston Museum, one of the Club's orators; the Hon. Henry L. Pierce, former Mayor of Boston and a contributor to the anti-slavery cause; Charles A. Phelps, Speaker of the House and President of the Senate; Gen. John L. Swift, Deputy Collector of the Port of Boston under President Lincoln;

the Hon. Charles W. Slack, founder and editor of the Commonwealth; Henry K. Oliver, Robert K. Potter, William S. Robinson, James M. Stone, and Morris C. Fitch.

Of these founders of the Club, Mr. Fitch is the only one living. He joined in 1854, and was one of Mr. Bird's trusted lieutenants in the great days of the anti-slavery movement. Mr. Fitch was appointed Postmaster of the Legislature in 1859, and he retained the office for two years, retiring in May of 1861. He was immediately appointed Chief Gauger of the Port of Boston by Collector Goodrich, and served in that office for twenty-four years and three months. For the last fifteen years or so he has been in the hotel business, and at his former hostelry at Lynnfield frequently entertained the Boston Club.

Other prominent men who have since belonged to the Club include: The Hon. John Z. Goodrich, Lieutenant-Governor of this Commonwealth, and the first Republican Collector of the Port of Boston; the Hon. Charles O. Rogers, former proprietor of the "Boston Journal," and one of the most enthusiastic members of the Club; the Hon. John B. Alley, of Lynn, member of Congress; the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, Vice-President with Abraham Lincoln; the Hon. Martin Brimmer, a prominent Abolitionist and Republican, and who always looked forward to the Saturday meetings of the Club with great pleasure; the Hon. Samuel Noyes, of Canton, a prominent anti-slavery man; Adjt.-Gen. William Schouler; Judge Otis P. Lord, one of Governor Rice's appointees; Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks; Gov. Alexander S. Bullock, orator and anti-slavery man; the Hon. Alexander S. Rice, Governor of Massachusetts and Congressman; the Hon. George W. Warren, a prominent Republican and Free Soiler, dry goods merchant, and one of the popular Presidents of the Club; the Hon. George O. Brastow, State Sena-

tor and President of the Senate; the Hon. George B. Loring, of Salem, Orator and President of the Senate; Col. Newell A. Thompson, Free Soiler, and one of the managers of the Republican party in its infancy, also a member of the State Central Committee; the Hon. Samuel D. Crane, President of the Club for several years, and a well-known South American merchant; the Hon. William Gaston, Governor of Massachusetts, and a member of the Club before his election, and until he passed away; the Hon. Leopold Morse, a merchant, member of Congress, and one of the popular members; the Hon. Charles Hale, founder of the "Daily Advertiser;" the Hon. E. L. Norton, Naval officer in Boston, under President Lincoln, and former Speaker of the House, and State Senator; the Hon. Linus B. Comins, member of Congress and Vice-President of the Club; the Hon. Frederick T. Greenhalge, Governor of Massachusetts, and a popular member, to whom one of the largest dinners in the history of the Club was given; the Hon. A. A. Ranney, member of Congress, and an influential member of the Club; Charles B. Hall, President of the Old Boston Bank, and a prominent Republican and anti-slavery man; the Hon. John A. Goodwin; the Hon. Harvey Jewell, Speaker of the House, and a prominent lawyer; Gen. John S. Tyler, one of the prominent auctioneers of Boston, and one of the well-known stockholders in the Boston Theatre; the Hon. Josiah Dunham, connected with the Naval Station; Col. John M. Clark, ex-sheriff of Suffolk; the Hon. Joseph M. Wightman, Mayor of Boston; the Hon. Frederick W. Lincoln, Mayor of Boston; the Hon. George W. Messinger, of the State Central Committee; Col. Charles W. Wilder, cigar merchant and a popular member; Governor Seymour, of New York; the Hon. James G. Blaine, of Maine; the Hon. John Q. A. Brackett, Governor of Massachusetts; the Hon. Newton Talbot; Judge Thomas Russell, who, it will be remembered, put

a stop to garroting in Boston; Dr. Thomas L. Jenks, President of the North End Savings Bank, and President of the Club; Capt. J. Stearns Cushing, Com'd of the A. & H. A. Co., proprietor of the Norwood Press, and former President of the Club; the late Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson; Mayor Charles E. Howe, of Lowell; City Engineer William Jackson, of Boston; Lieut.-Col. Bailey, of the 8th Regiment; C. H. Allen, President of the Home Savings Bank; the Hon. Elisha Dyer, former Governor of Rhode Island; the Hon. Edwin U. Curtis; the Hon. J. J. Myers; Mayor Charles S. Baxter, of Medford; Col. Henry O. Kent, of Lancaster, N.H.; Isaac B. Rich, of theatrical fame; Maj. Lucius Slade, of Cambridge; Charles F. Murphy and Fred E. Atteaux, active and enthusiastic members.

Practically all of the Governors of the state, as well as the Mayors of Boston, have been guests of the Club, and many of them have been members. The late Gov. William E. Russell was a favorite with Club members, while one of the last public utterances of Governor Greenhalge was made in Room 6 at the Parker House, at one of the Club dinners.

With its remarkable past, the Club is looking into a still greater future and is gathering around its hospitable board the largest minds and most progressive men in the affairs of the nation.

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP, 1903

Atteaux, Fred E.	Farnell, A.
Ballou, Murray	Ferris, Col. A. M.
Bailey, Col. E. W. M.	Fisher, Hon. Henry N.
Barrett, Col. R. F.	Fisher, Horace B.
Baxter, Hon. Charles S.	Flanders, W. M.
Bigelow, Edward T.	Gale, G. E.
Bird, Lewis J.	Garfield, M. H.
Blair, Lafayette G.	Goddard, Charles R.
Brackett, Hon. J. Q. A.	Grant, Hon. A. L.
Brigham, Frank W.	Guild, Jr., Hon. Curtis
Bruce, Judge Charles M.	Hallett, D. B.
Buckley, W. A.	Halsall, W. F.
Burke, Hon. John C.	Hanna, W. W.
Cameron, W. M.	Heath, Dr. A. B.
Carter, H. H.	Hedges, Col. Sidney M.
Champlin, Hon. E. R.	Howe, Hon. Charles E.
Chichester, Egerton	Hyland, Eugene S.
Corcoran, Hon. John W.	Innis, Hon. Charles H.
Cramm, Capt. E. P.	Jackson, William
Critchett, F.	Josselyn, F. M.
Crooks, John W.	Lee, John H.
Curtis, Hon. Edwin U.	Lowe, Stephen C.
Cushing, Capt. J. Stearns	Martin, John B.
Davidson, Gen. A. O.	Marston, James F.
Dean, Judge J. S.	McKay, George E.
Denton, Eben	McLane, Hon. John
Dewey, Henry G.	Milton, Hon. Henry S.
Dyer, Col. W. H.	Moore, J. George
Eddy, Otis	Morrill, George H. Jr.

Morse, Jacob	Russ, Charles E.
Morse, J. R.	Sawyer, H. H.
Morse, Hon. William A.	Seeley, Augustus B.
Murphy, Charles F.	Slade, Major Lucius
Myers, Hon. James J.	Spalding, E. S.
Phipps, C. E.	Swift, W. H.
Pierce, Edward S.	Stratton, Roy
Pierce, W. T.	Treworgy, W. H.
Pillsbury, E. L.	Tyner, William
Pooke, Charles A.	Walmsley, H. E.
Porter, L. B.	Wellington, Gen. Fred W.
Rand, Frank H.	Wilcock, Edwin
Ramsay, Charles H.	Wilcox, Fred A.
Rich, Isaac B.	Williams, Lombard
Rowe, H. S.	Woodward, Lester S.
Rudolph, Charles	Wyman, Franklin A.

Talbot, Maj. Thomas

HONORARY MEMBERS

Dyer, Hon. Elisha	Kent, Col. Henry O.
Eaton, Amasa M.	Talbot, Hon. Newton
Fitch, Morris C.	

Cost of the Club House

Purchasing site and building Club House	\$700,000
Income, yearly	\$150,000
Expense of running, yearly	110,000
Estimated profit	\$40,000

The above estimates are very conservative.

Location

To be between Court and Bromfield, Tremont and Washington Streets. The very centre of the City, and in the heart of the business district.

Active Membership

To be limited to 1,200 members. Initiation, \$50.00.
Yearly dues, \$50.00.

Non-Resident Membership

To be limited to 800 members. Initiation, \$25.00.
Yearly dues, \$25.00.

To be eligible for non-resident membership, the applicant must reside outside the TWENTY-FIVE MILE limit.

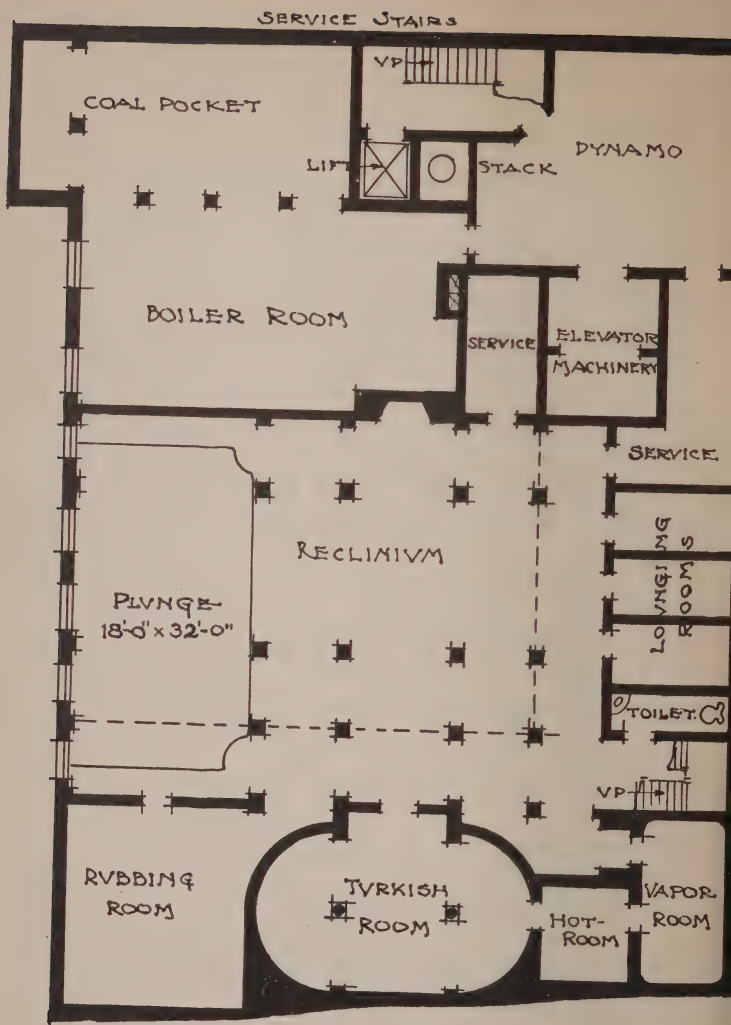
The second mortgage stock is to be sold in shares of \$100 each, and will pay five per cent.

Further information may be obtained, and plans of the NEW CLUB HOUSE seen, at the committee's room, 521 Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.

JOHN W. CROOKS,

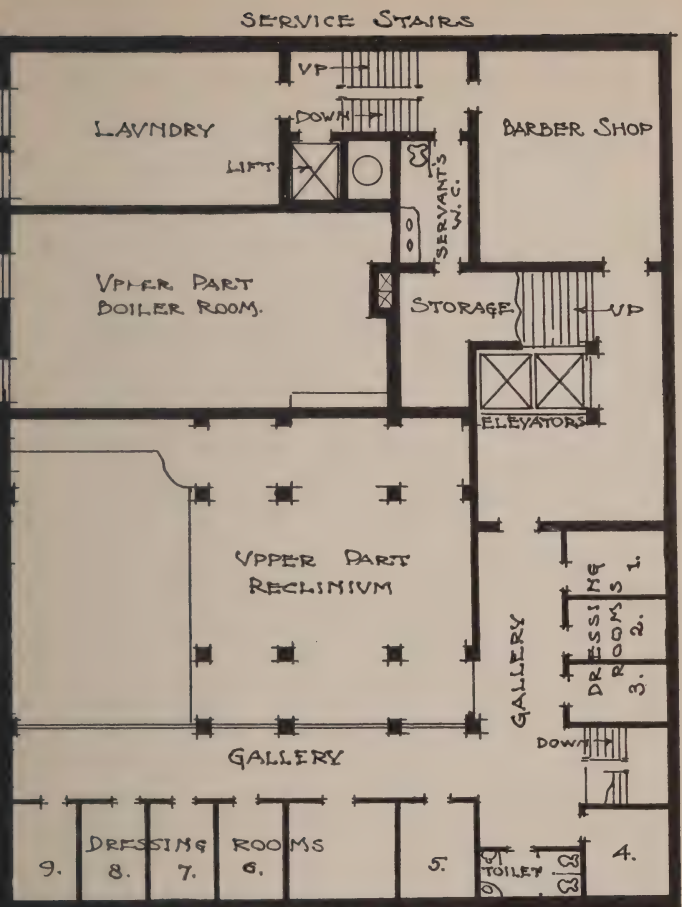
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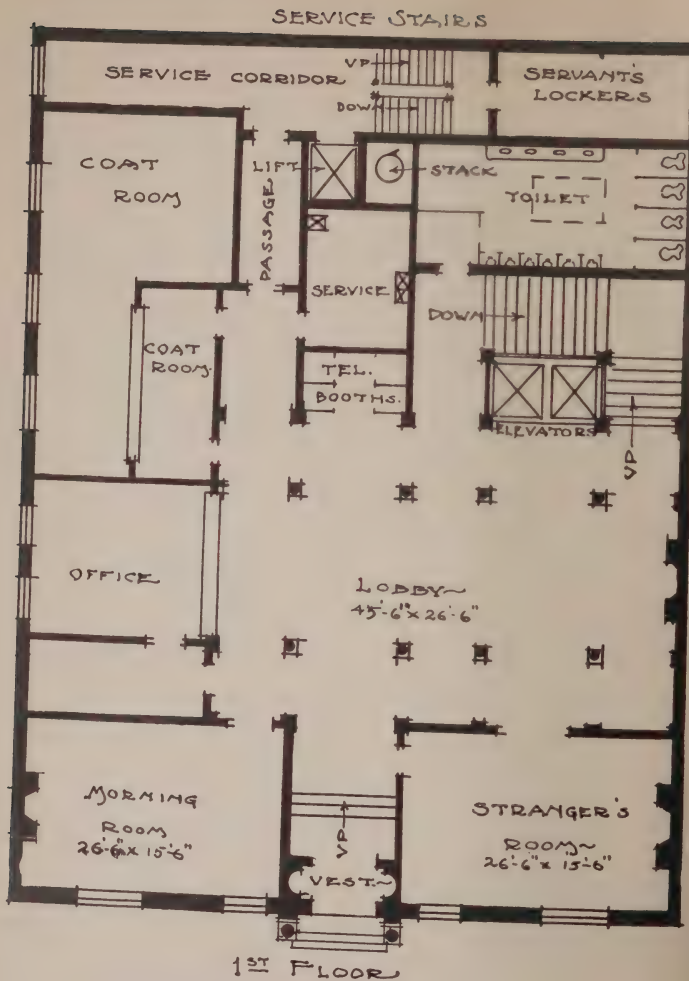


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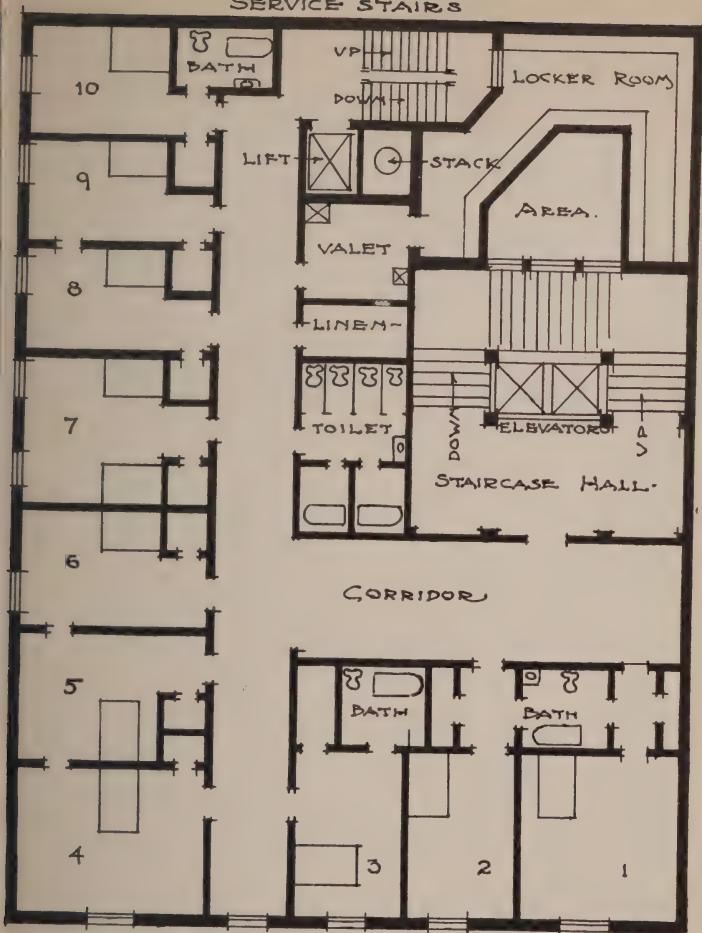


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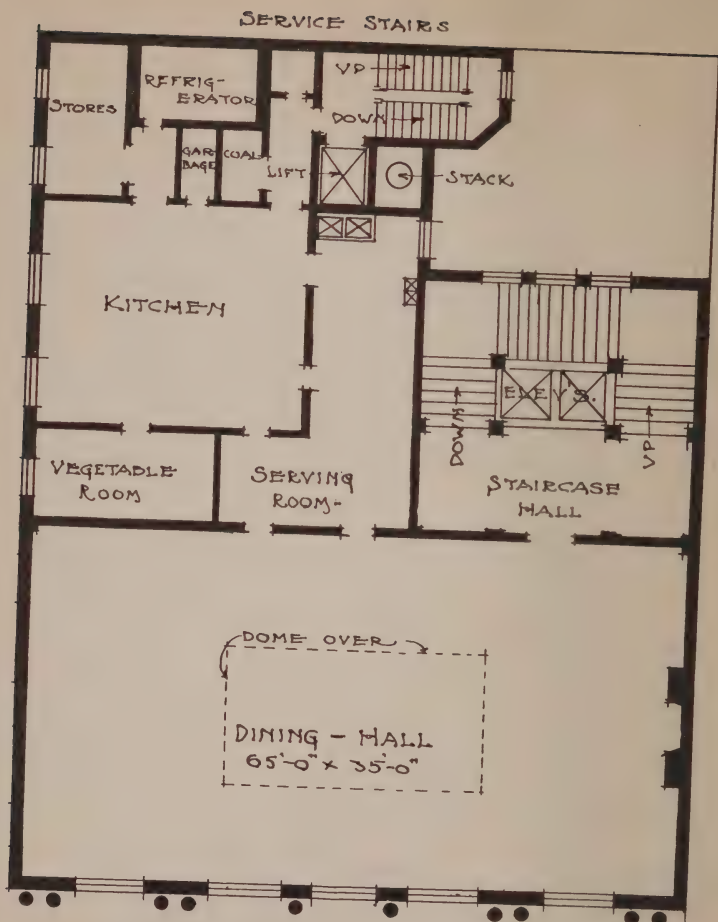
OFFICE, MORNING AND STRANGERS' ROOMS, COAT AND TOILET ROOMS

SERVICE STAIRS



2ND & 3RD FLOORS

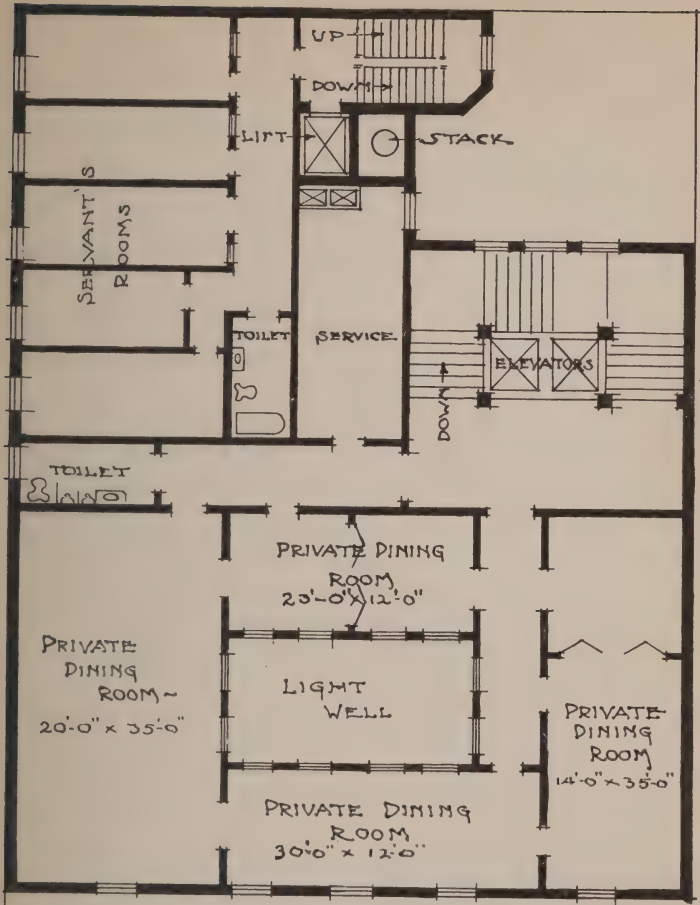
ROOMS, WITH AND WITHOUT BATHS, AND LARGE TOILET ROOM ON EACH FLOOR



6TH FLOOR

LARGE DINING HALL, KITCHEN AND SERVING ROOM

SERVICE STAIRS



7TH FLOOR

SMALL DINING ROOMS FOR PRIVATE PARTIES

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